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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN VIEWS ON CHINA.

Canton's Bid for Recognition. (Reuter's Service.)

Washington, November 17.
The French delegation agree that the Chinese proposals form a suitable basis for discussion of the entire Far Eastern question. They presume that the Chinese delegates will take early occasion to suggest a specific settlement of outstanding issues like Shantung, Mongolia, and Manchuria.
Signor Schanzer declared the Italian's readiness cordially to co-operate in solving Far Eastern problems, especially regarding China. The Italians would support any solution calculated to ensure free development and to facilitate the progress of China.
New York Journals Support Abolition of Submarines.
New York, November 17.
The New York Herald and the New York Times both support Mr. Balfour's plea for the abolition of submarines. The Herald says: "Let every unnatural force of warfare be swept away even, if necessary, aeroplanes, as instruments of war."
The Tribune considers that the Chinese proposal will disappoint China's friends in America, owing to its indefiniteness. It opines that without a new formula would help China much. Ultimately China must be permitted to develop the necessary force to protect herself; the world was too preoccupied to look after the welfare of a perpetual ward.

South China's Offer.

New York, November 16.
Ma Ssu, representing the South China Government, has sent a letter to Mr. Hughes offering to assume obligations for the Continental and Commercial Bank of Chicago loan to the Peking Government, on which default recently occurred. The letter states that South China has invited the Consortium to submit proposals for renewing or refunding the loan.

Chinese Proposals to be Considered Seriatim.

Washington, November 17.
A communique states that the sub-committee dealing with procedure on the Far Eastern questions, consisting of the heads of the delegations, has decided to recommend that opportunity be given to a full committee for general discussion, firstly of Chinese questions, afterwards of other topics. The Chinese proposals will be considered seriatim.

Japan Granted Time to Consider Chinese Proposals.

Later.
The heads of the nine delegations have granted Baron Kato's request to allow him several days in which to examine the Chinese proposals.

Future of Mandated Islands.

It is stated that the British committee upon Pacific questions is functioning vigorously, and has discussed the future of mandated islands. It is suggested that Japan is preparing to offer concessions by opening the former German Islands north of the Equator. The American view maintains that the principle of the open door ought to be observed in these islands.

Japanese Ambassador's Illness.

Later.
The meeting of the committee of nine dealing with the Far East has adjourned till Saturday owing to the illness of Baron Shidehara (the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.).

U.S. Considers Sub-Committee on China Unnecessary.

Later.
The American delegates, endorsing China's proposals, consider that the Far Eastern questions are not technical requiring expert scrutiny, and therefore urge that the committee or full conference consider them directly without reference to sub-committees.

The French Attitude in Detail.

The French attitude as regards China's proposals may be summed up as follows: firstly, France desires to help China to realise her territorial, political, and commercial aspirations; secondly, France is willing to cede Kwang Chou-wan provided that Britain cedes Wei-hai-wei and Japan cedes Shantung and Port Arthur; thirdly, France is not unwilling to surrender extra-territorial rights provided that the other Powers do likewise, but opines that privileges should be maintained until it is clear that China is able to give adequate protection and justice to foreigners; fourthly, urges Indo-China belongs to Annam, and therefore does not enter into the discussion, but France is willing to discuss frontier rectifications; fifthly, France, desiring a conciliatory role, sympathises with Japan's need for expansion and for raw material; sixthly, favours open dealings between China and the Powers, opposes secret negotiations, and would abandon interests in Yunnan, provided that Britain abandoned hers in Kwangsi.

THE PRINCE AT BOMBAY.

Ceremony of Welcome.

Bombay, November 16.
The Prince of Wales on landing read a message from the King greeting the Prince and peoples of India and saying that the Prince was coming in token of the renewal of the Imperial House's pledges of affection.
The Prince received an address from the Municipal Corporation, which hoped that his presence would still the voice of discord and leave an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The Prince replied that he eagerly awaited an opportunity of seeing India and grasping the difficulties of the inhabitants and understanding their aspirations.

Triumphant Progress, but Non-Co-Operators Cause Trouble.

Later.
Though the Prince of Wales' triumphant progress has been unmarred by a single adverse incident, the Non-Co-Operation agitation has resulted in serious disturbances in the native city, involving a number of casualties.

UNIONIST PARTY FAVOUR IRISH SETTLEMENT.

Extremists Defeated.

London, November 17.
The conference of the Unionist Party at Liverpool, which the extremists hoped would show that Unionist opinion in the provinces disapproved of the Irish negotiations, resulted in the overwhelming defeat of their resolution, on the subject, two thousand delegates less eighty dissentients adopting an amendment earnestly hoping that, consistently with the supremacy of the Crown, the security of the Empire, and pledges to Ulster, an Irish solution would be found. The mover of the amendment described the vote as one of confidence in the Unionist leaders.

HUGE OIL MERGER.

American Co. Joins with Royal Dutch and Shell.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, November 17.
The shareholders of the Delaware Union Oil Company, have ratified the proposed merger with the Royal Dutch and Shell Transport companies. The new company is capitalised at ten million shares without par value, the Royal Dutch receiving 75 per cent, and nominating fifteen directors of the Union Co., the remainder of the shareholders nominating four directors.
Reason of Non-Distribution by Royal Dutch.
London, November 17.
As an explanation of the Royal Dutch share distribution called yesterday it is stated that the Board does not feel justified in appealing to the money market as long as there is a legitimate fear that the tax policy of the Dutch India Government in respect of petroleum business has not been conclusively obliterated.
[The previous message said: Royal Dutch shares experienced a set-back to 35 in view of the proposal to be submitted to a meeting on the 30th, inst. to distribute dividends in the form of common shares instead of in cash. The market idea is that the company intends to reserve its cash resources in view of the difficulty of raising fresh capital on favourable terms.]

A.P.C.'s New Adviser to Investigate in the U.S.

London, November 17.
Sir John Cadman, who has been appointed chief technical adviser to the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, is now on his way to America in order to examine the latest American oil methods.
[Sir John Cadman, K.C.M.G. D.Sc., F.G.S., M.I.C.E., has held very numerous important technical appointments, including that of Consulting Petroleum Adviser to the Colonial Office, and is the author of several industrial treatises.]

SUSPENSION OF FIRM WITH EASTERN CONNECTIONS.

Re-organisation being Arranged.

London, November 17.
A firm of general merchants with London and Liverpool offices has suspended payment. Liabilities amount to £300,000. Trading largely with the East in tinplates, galvanised sheets, and other commodities, the firm came to the front in recent years. A scheme for the reorganisation of the company is being arranged.

AUSTRALIANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS DRAW.

Some Heavy Scoring in Second Test Match.

Johannesburg, November 17.
The second Test match of the Australians tour ended in a draw. Scores: Australia, 450 (Collins 203); South Africa, 245 (Nourse 84). Following on the home team registered 473 for 8 (Frank 152, Nourse 111). Australia, in their second innings, scored 7 for no wicket. Stumps were drawn early, owing to bad light.

AMENDMENT TO LABOUR CONVENTION.

Question Concerning the Use of Poisonous Materials.

Geneva, November 17.
The Labour Conference adopted by 45 votes to 44 an amendment to the White Lead Committee's report favouring the draft Convention prohibiting white-lead in interior and exterior painting, and making regulations for the protection of workers using pigment.

FRENCH RELIEF FOR STARVING RUSSIA.

Paris, November 15.
The Financial Committee has granted a new credit of six million francs for the relief of famished Russia conditionally upon the funds being spent under supervision of the French Red Cross Society.—Havas.

FURTHER FALL IN H.C.I.

London, November 17.
The cost of living fell a further seven points in October—namely, to 103 per cent. on November, above the pre-war scale.

(Other Early and Special Telegrams on Page 2.)

NEARLY DUPED.

An Old Woman's Precaution.

"A simple old soul" was Detective Field's description of an old Chinese lady, who appeared as the complainant in a charge of obtaining property and money by false pretences preferred against two Chinese at the Police Court to-day.
Free to the City and its ways, this old lady, who arrived here from the country only two days ago, was walking in Wyndham Street when she was accosted by a respectably-dressed Chinese and engaged in conversation. Shortly afterwards, another man made his appearance, and there followed an exchange of compliments between two, which gave the lady the impression that they had not met for years. This newcomer then casually remarked that he had some notes to change, and on being presented to the lady, asked her if she were willing to take on the job in return for a commission. But first he stipulated that as they were perfect strangers to each other, he would want security for the safe return of the money. Without much trouble the lady was induced to part with her money and jewellery, but becoming suspicious at the avidity with which he accepted the exchange, she opened the bundle handed to her and discovered that instead of banknotes it contained merely blank paper.
The altercation which ensued when the lady endeavoured to get her jewellery back drew a big crowd, and a Chinese house-boy employed at the Warders' Mess and who saw the transaction, took measures which led to the apprehension of the two men on the charge of obtaining property by false pretences.
Mr. R. E. Lindell, after hearing the evidence, was informed by Detective Field, who prosecuted, that the prisoner in the long coat was sentenced to three months' hard labour and banished in 1908 for being in possession of counterfeit coins, and again to six months in 1913 for obtaining money by false pretences.
"I came out to Hongkong to cure people," said the defendant in reply to the Magistrate's enquiry as to what he was doing here to earn a living.
His Worship: Hoi! Coming out to cure people's stupidity, more likely. You go to prison for six months.
The other defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

THE TWO KWANGS.

Lawlessness Up Country.

Our Canton correspondent reports that information from headquarters states that the forces arranged for the north expedition are as follows:
The mixed force, commanded by Li Lit-chuen, will be the right wing, the Cantonese forces commanded by Li Fook-lum will be the left wing, while Shu Shung-chi's forces will be the central force. All the forces will march on Huanan by different routes.
Pirates and robbers have become unprecedently numerous in Kwangtung, according to the reports from various districts. In Luichow, west of Canton, there are two large gangs. One has seized the city and looted every house, and the other has plundered all the neighbouring villages. In Watan, a district near to the Kwangsi boundary, most of the market towns are being patrolled by dispersed soldiers and bandits with up to date arms instead of by regular soldiers. In the Lin Ping district of Waichow five armed robberies by big gangs of bandits were reported in a single day. Many houses were burnt, eighty people were kidnapped, 13 killed and about 20 wounded.

A special official notification has been issued by the Civil Governor to the effect that all the accounts in the Municipalities of Canton and Swatow need not be sent to the Audit Dept.
Mr. Yu-lun, the head of the syndicate which has secured the right to build the railway between Pun Yu and Hoi Ping districts has been ordered by the Civil Governor to send back the permission as no signs of starting have been shown within the stated time.
A Peking telegram says that the Chinese Bank Group, on bearing a rumour from the United States to the effect that a suggestion has been made in London to control the Chinese Government's finance, has decided to withdraw all their moneys from the foreign banks.

It is reported that Luk Wing-tung was taken very ill on his way to Peking, and probably cannot arrive in time to attend the Conference in regard to the punishment of the south by military measures.
We take the following from the Canton Times:—
In order to keep perfect peace and order in their districts, natives of Koming, Hoksien and Koyin districts have recently joined together into a self-defence alliance. Native volunteer corps of these allied districts will help each other in case that robberies should happen. In view of the fact that several cases of robbery have been reported on steamers plying between these districts, volunteer corps will be sent to patrol the rivers and vicinity of these districts. The different volunteer corps are to be entirely reorganized. Funds for maintaining these corps have been donated by prominent merchants of Hongkong and Macao.

Mayor Sun Fo has recently petitioned to Gov. Chen Ching-ming proposing that the piece of land in front of the First Public Park should be utilized for building a City Library and a town Hall. Mayor Sun states that although Canton has made many improvements it is still lacking in Public libraries and a good Town Hall. By erecting the proposed library the citizens will be enabled to read during their leisure hours. As to the Town Hall, it will serve as a place for public meetings of the people.

It is reported that the price of raw silk has increased considerably. The silk of finest quality is estimated to be over \$1,200 per picul. The reason for this big increase is due to the scarcity of silk obtainable from Szechuan as a result of the unfavourable weather this year, besides the mulberry leaves being destroyed by worms. Since the cessation of the European War, all factories have resumed operation and the result is that the raw silk is in great demand. It is understood that some big firms in Shanghai are offering high prices for it. This causes the rise in price of raw silk.

"THE CIRCLE".

A Wrong Ending.

Whether W. Somerset Maugham meant his comedy "The Circle" to be a satire on the foolishness of young married women running away with other men or whether he meant it to indicate that one should obey the desires of passionate love and brave all that will follow, is a point we were left thinking about at the conclusion of last night's play presented by the Warwick Comedy Company. We also wondered whether the play was written to suit the title or whether the title was added after the play was finished. The audience is presented the picture of a woman, once young and charming, who fell in love with a man—her husband's friend. Obeying her momentary impulses she goes off with him, throws up all her claim to the society she had been bred in, lives a life of continual warfare against creeping old age in fear of being left by her lover (bound to her by no legal tie) and eventually develops into an over-dressed, overpainted and affectionate woman. And at one point in the third act this woman gives as poignant a picture of a wasted life as it is possible to paint. She outlines this picture to a young woman who stands in the same position as she did years ago—a young wife who has fallen in love with one of her husband's friends. The older woman had acted on the spur of the moment and without the powerful argument of example and one could feel sympathy for her, but the younger woman, having been told all that her contemplated action will mean to her life does, in the end, run away with the man who has only so recently come into her life. Somerset Maugham has given us a comedy that leaves us disappointed, that teaches us little and even that wrongly. It is not a good play from that point of view, but it is clever to dialogue and general construction. One or two really brilliant witticisms are brought in and it is nothing if not entertaining. But it goes very little farther.

The Edgar Warwick Company gave an almost perfect presentation. Miss Godart was the outstanding artist of the evening as the ageing woman who tries to keep young. It was a difficult part—a mixture of affection and deep emotion—but it was wonderfully portrayed. Miss Joan Mayne, as the young wife, was also a great success and Mr. N. Thorpe Mayne, as the sensible but cynical husband of the elder woman, again delighted his audience with his perfectly natural acting. Mr. Tom Fenwick, Mr. Chas. Bradley, Mr. Dudley Howarth and Miss Dorothy Radford were the other characters and the whole combined in a manner which made the presentation almost without fault.

"The Law Divine."

The Warwick Comedy Company's season is drawing to a close and a most enjoyable time it has been for theatregoers, especially those who can genuinely appreciate the high standard of acting which distinguishes Mr. Edgar Warwick's splendid company.
The last two nights of the season are announced and the company proceed North per the "Tanda" on Sunday morning taking with them the sincere wishes of all Hongkong playgoers for a successful trip.

The only presentation of "The Law Divine," the Wyndham's Theatre success, will be given to-night with a splendid cast which includes Misses Joan Mayne, Marjory Clark, Gertrude F. Godart, Dorothy Radford, Nina Bradley and Messrs N. Thorpe Mayne, Dudley Howarth, Tom Fenwick and others. Those who have not seen this delightful comedy should not fail to take advantage of this one last opportunity. Plans are open at Montreux's till 5 p.m. and are open again at the theatre box office from 6.45 p.m. Readers should also take note that seats can be secured for the last night performance to-morrow night of that highly diverting farce comedy, "Rins Comes to Stay," at Montreux and also during the intervals of to-night's performance at the theatre. To-morrow, Saturday, the plans will be at Montreux's until mid-day, afterwards at the Hongkong Hotel office from 2 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. and later at the Theatre Royal box office as usual.

CHINA'S FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Shanghai Rumour Denied.

Rumours are afoot that owing to the extraordinary demands made on account of military expenses on Chinese Government funds, one or both of the two Government Banks have been seriously handicapped in their business. Our Shanghai correspondent who called under date of Nov. 16 states that the Bank of China at that part was making preparations for a general run, in view of reports from Shanghai.

A reporter of the Telegraph, interviewing the manager of the local branch of the Bank was this afternoon handed a copy of the following telegram received from Shanghai:—

"Sensational rumours deliberately circulated in Peking and Tientsin are possibly of Political origin. In Shanghai everything is quiet, there being no runs on the two Government Banks here.—Bankers Association."
The local Manager said that he expected to receive further advices from the North revealing the nature of these rumours.

CRICKET.

The following team will represent the University in the League match against the I.R.C. on the University ground on Saturday, November 19th:—The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Prof. Vickers, Messrs T. E. Yock, A.A. Rumsdell, K. H. Roffey, L. T. Pun, Ho Ah Lim, R. W. Barney, M. B. Osman, T. C. Yeow.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Mr. Harry Ore will be assisted at his Recital on Monday by Mr. D. Underwieser.—Page 4.
The V. R. C. advertise a Regatta for December 4 and a Subscription Dance on the 25th, inst.—Page 4.
A European Manager is required for the Seamen's Institute.—Page 4.
"The Law Divine" will be staged by the Warwick Coy. at the Theatre to-night.—Page 3.
Sincere's advertise Tintin Hall Curtains in good designs and beautiful colours.—Page 3.
"The Heart of a Lion" will be the feature film to-day at the World Theatre.—Page 12.
Another notice regarding the Benguet Consolidated Mining Co appears on Page 2.
The J.C.L.L. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the s.s. Van Cloon.—Page 4.
Montreux have October Victor Records. Page 3.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 2s. 8½d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer:—29.91 Temperature:—69. Humidity:—72.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day, 3.39 p.m.

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CONSPIRING WITH ROBBERS.

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Defendant: My hands were tied behind me.
Corroborative evidence was given by the tenant of 51, Jacob Sassoon Street, who said her attention was first attracted by a sound as if the door of 53, (which was directly opposite hers) was receiving a violent shaking, and by groans of a person in No. 53. Knowing that defendant was in her house she called out her name and enquired if she was suffering from toothache. Receiving no reply she became suspicious and blew a police whistle on the verandah.

A description of the complainant's house as the police found it after the robbery was given to the Court by Inspector Murphy. According to the defendant, she was in the front portion of the premises. On defendant's bed witness found a rattan basket the contents of which (clothing) did not appear to have been disturbed; in fact they were quite tidy. The lock of the basket was also found on the bed. The clothing and other articles kept in the chamber wood box and the wardrobe were also not deranged. In the kitchen the Inspector discovered a shoemaker's knife. Defendant's version of the robbery, which she told to witness just before he left the house, was that at 9 p.m. when she went out she was seized on the stairs landing by a man who pushed her into the house and finally into the kitchen where he tied and gagged her. After she had been bound she noticed a man standing at the kitchen door, armed with a revolver and a dagger. The two robbers left her in the kitchen to ransom the house. Half an hour later she managed to creep out from the kitchen and to bang the stairs door to attract attention. An examination was made by the Inspector of defendant's hands and feet and an impression of a string was found on her wrist. There were no marks on her ankles or in her mouth. A piece of firewood with which defendant was said to have been gagged was also examined but no teeth marks could be found.

At this stage the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

MRS. ASQUITH'S SECOND DIARY.

Vivacious Stories of Her Travels.

[Recently we gave some extracts from Mrs. Asquith's new volume of Reminiscences. The following are further passages.]

Rome, Nov. 19, 1891.

I went to see Lord Dufferin, and was much struck with the hideous taste of the Embassy and the beauty of the garden. I had a nice talk with Lord Dufferin. He advised me to marry; said I was too nice to be alone, and too clever not to be helping some man. He begged me not to be led away by personal attraction, and said respect was the first thing and love the second.

He is very wise, but like all deaf people, pretends to hear, and has lost much of his social tact, and replies in general conversation. We then drove along the Appian Way, and saw the Campagna and the Catacombs. I knew I could not escape the latter, though I hoped a cold in my head would protect me. I am not much of a tourist but, after all, it is better to see everything.

A TRYING FATHER.

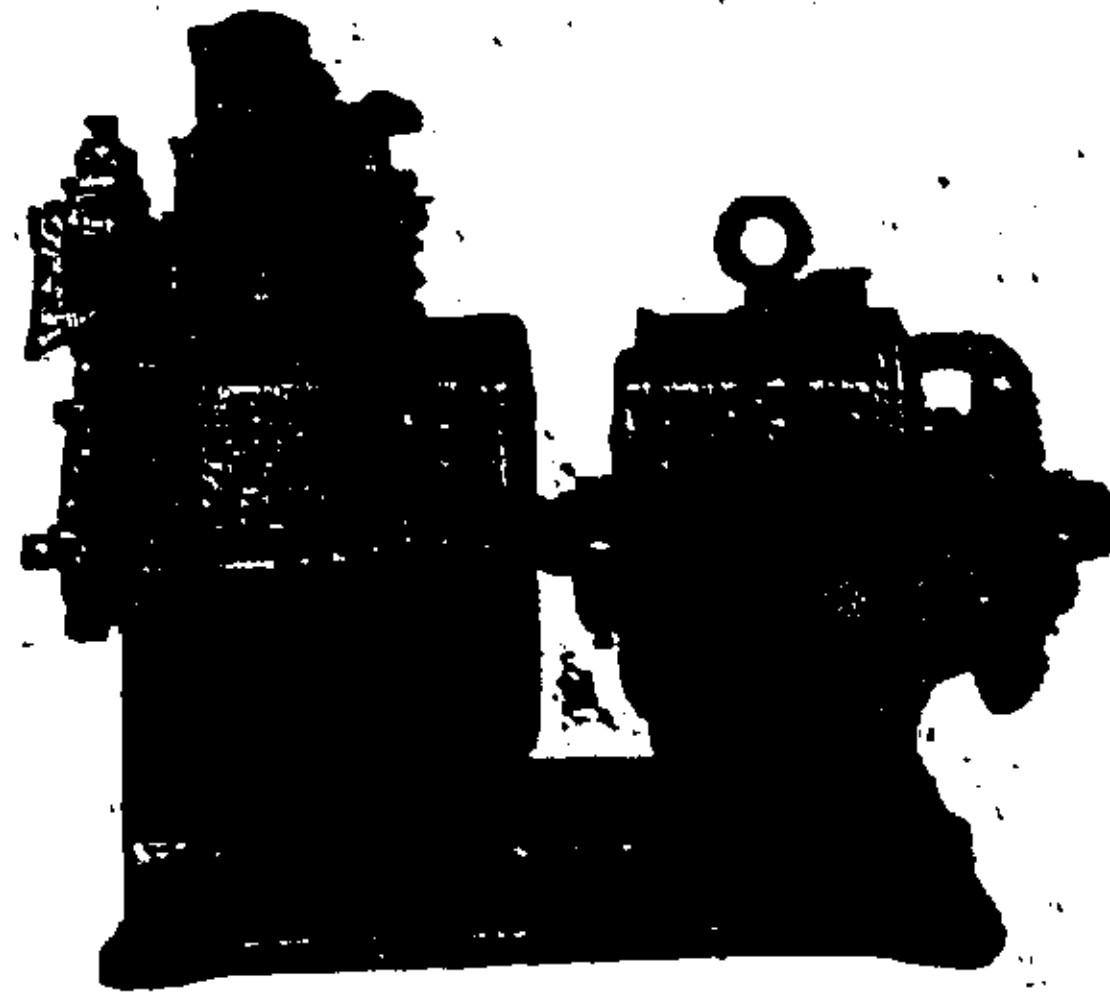
Nov. 20.
There are disadvantages as well as advantages in being sensitive to form and beauty as I am. Want of grace influences my opinion of people, and nervous clumsiness makes me cold, with impatience. I am fairly quick myself, but I don't think I upset things or trip on carpets, or waste a packet of matches before lighting a candle or a cigarette, or spill champagne, or prick my fingers.

It is not a caution, but accuracy and scrupulousness. Papa tries me very highly with lunch in the train and at all meals as he is so fast; he drops his pear upon the railway floor, and coffee on his clothes.

We all dined together, and I quarrelled with H. Gust over Victor Hugo. We are on the defensive with each other over literature, as he thinks me a fool, and this is irritating, but he takes nothing really seriously—above all, his friends. He is seriously in love, but does not love seriously.

Nov. 23.
Our stewardess came in at 7.40 with tea, and I felt as if I had

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never been in bed at all. We got up after 10, as the sea was still, and I went to have a big bath of hot salt water with a strong smell in it of oily water to soap with. The screw below the bath made me feel as if I had no inside worth mentioning.

We all went on deck, where I tried to read, but the wind was just enough to make this tiresome, and whichever side I chose to sit on was smelly. I walked up and down and looked at the other people—a tiresome lot of faces of the type on eses at stations or table d'hôte or in the English churches abroad—one nice-looking man, Captain Martyn, in the Egyptian army, and rather a pretty, airily American woman with a challenging walk and complacent face.

After walking up and down with papa I went to my cabin and wrote this diary, sitting on a low box, and putting my ink and paper on the bed, a shrill draught all round me, and the throb of the engines underneath.

MILNER AND BALFOUR.
Alexandria, Nov. 25.
I found three letters for me from Sir Alay West, Mr. Asquith, and Mr. Milner.

Cairo, Nov. 27.
Mr. Milner called and took us to a mosque at 10.3. I like to talk to him, though he makes me feel a little too dependent on information to talk really well. Arthur Balfour has precisely the opposite effect.

The fact is, I do not know enough, and all the "imaginative insight" in the world will not serve instead of knowledge to 80 out of 100 people.

I took the opportunity to buy some Arab silky cottons for my maid to make me a shirt. I took my dragoman, whose face reminded me of my groom, Frost; rather darker in colour than the regular Egyptian; very clean and well dressed. He bargained for me, and said I was so fine and kind because I smile at the natives, and they all loved me—which was a sort of blarney.

He took me to a scent shop, and the man, squatting, as they all do here in their open booths, begged me to sit down. It was like a little stage, and I sat where the footlights ought to have come, and dangled my feet over a raised edge. He opened several big bottles, and taking my hand, turned my sleeve down, and rubbed my wrist with pungent smell of violets and syrup, and then kissed my wrist with infinite grace.

PRIDE IN ENGLAND.

There is an extraordinary fascination galloping silently along the desert—a feeling of warm, still desolation. The palm trees thrust their copper lances into the sky, and burst into green as they get near the sun.

The citadel looked like the background of a religious picture, with a pink and lilac setting, each angle reflecting a different colour, like the facets of a jewel. An occasional camel and group of Bedouins slipped noiselessly past, and I felt as if I had intruded upon the Old Testament.

Dec. 2.
I never go abroad without feeling pride in my country. We are

honest and trusted; we are brave, and inspire courage, and we are cultivated and clean. If you want to flatter a Frenchman or an Austrian, you have only to say you took him for an Englishman. We women get our taste in clothes from Paris, but the French and Austrians get their clothes in London, and their tastes in sport from us. We might do well to copy the manners of the Austrians or Arabs, and imitate the French in their enunciation and cooking of vegetables.

Beyond this, I never saw a country that did not tempt me to say, "Thank God I am English," or a religion that did not make me pray for others and bless my God.

A DONKEY WHICH FELL.
Nile, off Assiout, Dec. 3.
Woke up, feeling dull. Wrote letters to England. We stopped and went on land to see the small tombs. My donkey, odious brute! fell twice. I slipped off successfully each time on to my toes.

Dec. 5.
No letters! How slender one's hold upon one's friends is! One makes as much impression on people as a fly on a bun. When I read of Parnell or Lassalle or smaller men who have arrested attention, I feel full of envy, and wish I had been born a man.

In the evening an old reverend gentleman challenged me to dance with him. I always thought he was a little touched in his head, and he told me that after a heavy fall he had lost his memory. He danced foolishly, but actively.

Dec. 6.
I hardly realized it was Sunday, but read the morning Psalms in Laura's Prayer Book, and wondered if God did much for me. Hated myself for feeling so bored and depressed.

Felt happy at thinking of my friends' advancement—Arthur Balfour and George Curzon. Read quotation out of M. Filon's article on J. Morley. He looks at life from a height, quietly, objectively and a little greyly. His philosophy steps in between him and political power. He lacks faith. There is a thin veil between his principles and his personality. One knows—without asking why—that he will never be Prime Minister.

A PRETTY TRIBUTE.

Luxor, Dec. 7.
Mr. Harris, my nice ex-railway director took papa and me across to the hotel to see if there were any letters. We walked through the garden and the old gentleman stopped, and picking me a pink rose, said, "I know a genuine article when I see it—I am too old to flatter. Young lady, you are charming."

I found 18 letters, three of which were quite incomprehensible to me from Mary Drew. "Risking mischief-making," I cannot resist this enclosure (I need hardly say there was no enclosure); but if you can go and see him, you will soon be on the best of terms." etc. Who "he" is I have no notion whatever! I at once wrote to ask.

The next was from E.C.: "I regret having sent you my letter. Why can I not trust you?—You're in nothing but haste."—E.

Having never heard from E., I could not understand this, and

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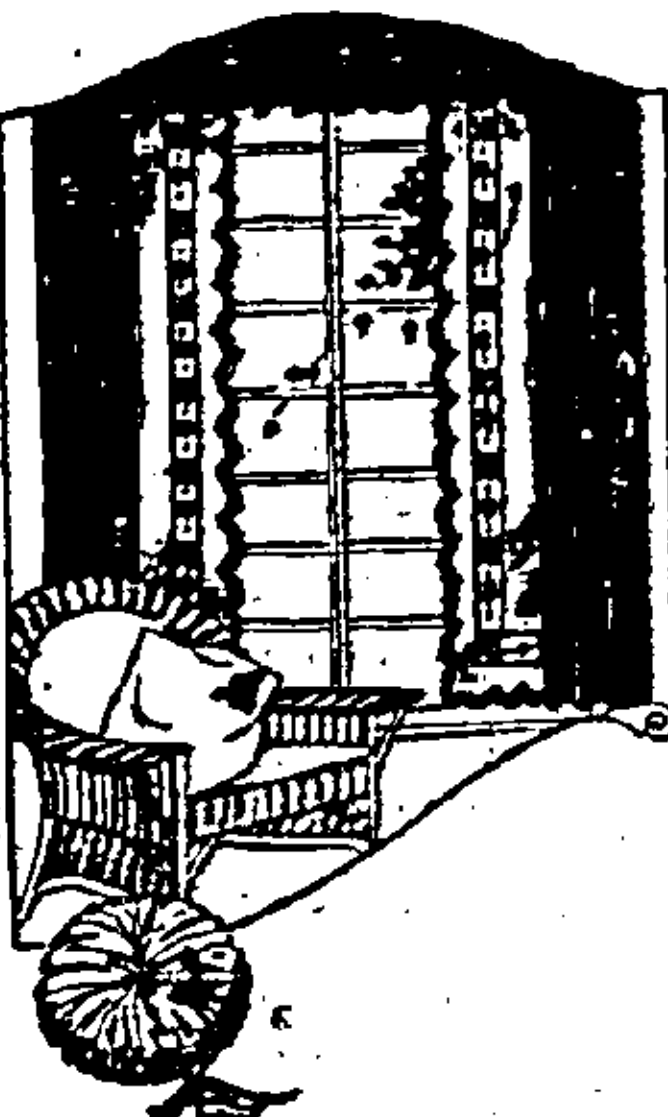
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felt vexed at the stupidity of my friends, but proceeded to devour charming letters from Mr. Asquith, Ribblesdale, Oscar Wilde—dedicating a story to me, "The Star Child"—one from Mr. Rodd, sending me the "Revues des Deux Mondes"; and one from Mr. Algernon West, sending me Lord Rosebery's "Pitt," which I read into the night and early morning.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION.
The American authorities have notified the Allies of the approaching reduction of 50 per cent. in the forces in the U.S. occupied areas. The cost of the French, Belgian, British, and American forces of occupation now amounts to 375,000,000 gold marks. Efforts are being made to reduce the cost to Germany to 240,000,000 gold marks.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Don't Forget the Kowloon Fair on Saturday 19th, at Chater Bungalow. Open from 1.30—7.30 p.m. 8.30—11 p.m.

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WANTED:—European Office assistant for Canton Experience in Exports preferred—Apply Box 625, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

MANAGER (European) wanted for the Seamen's Institute. Applications by writing only to the Chaplain, Seamen's Institute.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—About March next, six roomed house in the Bowen Road. Can be divided into two self contained flats. Apply J. C. Clark, architect, 14 Queen's Road Central.

TO LET.—One office in No. 4 Queen's Road Central to be let. For particulars apply to Bank of China.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Monday, the 21st Nov., 1921 commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 1 Broadwood Terrace A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture (Full particulars from catalogue) On view from Saturday the 19th November 1921. Terms: Cash on delivery. LAMBERT BROS. Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Wednesday, the 23rd Nov., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m. at their sales Rooms, Duddell Street A Selection of High Grade Cashmere and Tweed Suit Lengths, Superior Overcoating etc. Terms: Cash on delivery. LAMBERT BROS. Auctioneers.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

First TOURNAMENT of Season. THEATRE ROYAL Saturday, November 20th, at 9.15 p.m. Main Event: Featherweight Championship of the Colony. Teddy Neal Hongkong. v. Leading Stoker Brit: H. M. S. "Cairo" Prices 5s.—(ringside) 3s.—(reserved) and 5s.—(unreserved) Booking at MOUTRIES. Members only (on production of Current Membership Cards). Tuesday, November 22nd. General Public Wednesday, November 23rd, to Saturday, November 26th.

CITY HALL

Third Piano Recital (Romantics). given by HARRY ORE assisted by Daniel Onderwizzer (Baritone). On Monday, 21st November at 5.30 p.m. sharp. LADY STUBBS will honour the recital with her presence. Booking at ANDERSON'S.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE begs to appeal to the ladies of Hongkong for gifts of SOUVENIRS OR PRIZES for the 18th ANNUAL ALFRESCO FETE to be held on the 4th December.

All gifts will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Parcels should be sent to Mr. J. M. NORONHA, c/o Credit Foncier d'Extreme-Orient, Princes Buildings or Mr. F. H. BARNES, 14, Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

Regatta. Members are reminded that the First Scratch Regatta will be held at Black Boulder Point on Sunday the 4th of December, when the following will form the Programme of events:— (1) Senior Fours, (2) Junior Fours, (3) Junior Tubs, (4) Beginners Fairs. For further particulars consult Notice Board. Beginners are requested to attend at the Club regularly for instruction. A Launch will leave Murray Pier on the 4th of December at 10 a.m. with members and their friends.

Dance. A Subscription Dance will be held on Friday the 25th inst., at 9 p.m. for members and their lady friends. Invitations can be had on application to the undersigned. R. C. WITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

BAZAAR—BAZAAR—BAZAAR On Saturday, 19th November, 1921, and the following day. Commencing each day at 10 a.m. Useful and Fancy Articles. In a large variety of style.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ From BELAWAN DELI, PENANG and SINGAPORE. The Steamship "VAN CLOON"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th Nov., 1921 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th, Nov., 1921 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN. Agents. Hongkong, 18th Nov., 1921.

NOTICE.

The OCEAN Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., of London, England, beg to announce that they have appointed

Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Buildings, as Principal Agents to the Corporation in Hongkong.

The OCEAN Corporation is prepared to entertain proposals for MOTOR CAR (Private & Commercial), MOTOR CYCLE, PERSONAL ACCIDENT, PERSONAL ACCIDENT & SICKNESS, FIDELITY GUARANTEES, EMPLOYEES BENEFIT, BURGLARY, LIFT, GENERAL THIRD PARTY, FLIGHT RISKS, etc.

The OCEAN Assets exceed £ 7,400,000

Claims Paid exceed £25,000,000

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Manager—ALBERT C. HALL.

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Steam Laundry Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the Thirtieth day of Nov., 1921, at noon, when the subject of Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the Fourteenth day of November 1921, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions—

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited and with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Charles Bernard Brown of Messrs. Linstead and Davis be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

(2) That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 8,000 "Eight thousand" shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited of the nominal value of \$10 each, credited as fully paid up and the payment of \$10,000 by the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, the General Managers of this Company by way of bonus and compensation for loss of office as General Managers of this Company by reason of the transfer of the business, property and undertaking of the Company to the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited and in consideration of the payment to Edward John Chapman, the Managing Director of this Company of \$1,000 and to Charles Bernard Brown a Director of this Company of \$1,000 and to Charles Bernard Brown, the Secretary of this Company of \$1,000 by way of bonus and compensation for their loss of office as Managing Director, Director and Secretary respectively by reason of the aforesaid amalgamation be and the same is hereby approved and the Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidator may think expedient.

(3) The aforesaid 8,000 shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited shall in pursuance of clause 7 of the aforesaid Agreement be allotted to shareholders on the register of shareholders of the Steam Laundry Company Limited on the Thirtieth day of November 1921.

"The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th day of November 1921, to the 6th day of December 1921, both days inclusive. Dated the 15th day of Nov., 1921. By Order of the Board. C. BERNARD BROWN, Secretary.

FOR HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW. Sails for Haiphong and Hoihow every alternate Tuesday. The favourite passenger steamer HAI-MUN. (Capt. Charles E. Page).

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THE STEAM LAUNDRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Steam Laundry Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 30th day of November 1921 immediately after the previous Extraordinary General Meeting of this Company convened for the same date when the sub-joined resolution will be submitted for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as an Ordinary Resolution, the following, namely:—

"That in the event of any of the 8,000 shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited of the nominal value of \$10 each credited as fully paid the subject matter of the Special Resolution of this Company passed on the 14th day of November 1921 and confirmed this day being unaltered by reason of any of the shareholders of this Company holding such a number of shares as would entitle such shareholder to a fraction of a share of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited only had fractional certificates been provided for then and in that event such unaltered shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited shall be sold by the Liquidator of this Company and the net proceeds shall be divided amongst those members of this Company who would have been entitled to such fractions in due proportions." Dated this 15th day of Nov., 1921. By Order of the Board. C. BERNARD BROWN, Secretary.

THE COWIE HARBOUR COAL COMPANY LIMITED.

SILIMPON COAL. The undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined SILIMPON COAL, trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo) or to contract for regular Bunker Supplies for 6 or 12 months at favourable rates. Steamers calling at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN exclusively for Bunkers are exempt from payment of ordinary Port Charges. The minimum draft of water alongside the Company's Wharf at Sebatik is 23 feet at low water Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie Bay (Sebatik Harbour) and any required information concerning the port can be had on application to

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you can get for the hot season—including risks of dust and glare—is a pair of Sir William Crookes' Glasses—the ideal guard from glare. There are two varieties of this glass: (a) A glass very slightly tinted, of a pale amethyst colour which looks almost colourless. (b) A neutral tint which cuts down the glare as well as absorbing the harmful rays. Crookes lenses of any prescription in either regular or Toric form are manufactured by the Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians—the most competent optical manufacturing establishment in South China—located in 53 Queen's Road Central.

TO-NIGHT! "THE LAW DIVINE" THEATRE ROYAL.

A copy of this Prospectus in English and Chinese has been filed with the Registrar of Companies

The Subscription list will open on 15th day of November, 1921, and will close on or before 15th day of December, 1921.

THE HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER COMPANY, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1921.)

SHARE CAPITAL \$1,000,000.00

Divided into 100,000 ordinary shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 12,710 are to be issued and credited as paid up, and as hereinafter mentioned, 50,290 of the remaining shares are now offered for public subscription, payable as follows:—

\$5 per share on application. \$5 per share on Allotment

It is not proposed to issue the balance of 25,000 shares until it shall appear necessary or advisable to do so (in the interests of the Company), and for the purpose of the further development of the Company's undertaking.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK, Gentleman, Caine Road, Hongkong. W. A. DOWDY, Exchange and Bullion Broker, Room 6, Post Office Buildings, Hongkong. M. CHAN HARR, Managing Director, Sincere Company, Limited, Hongkong. HO JACK LUM, Partner, Kwong Sang Lee, Hongkong. W. M. HUMPHREYS, Partner, W. G. Humphreys & Co., 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

BANKERS

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Bank of China.

SOLICITORS:—Wilkinson and Grist. SECRETARY:—Sydney Humphreys.

AUDITORS:—Percy Smith Seth and Fleming. REGISTERED OFFICE:—5, Duddell Street.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

Object.—This Company has been formed to purchase as a going concern the business known as the Humphreys Hide and Leather Works, carried on by the firm of W. G. Humphreys and Company of No. 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Business.—The business comprises the manufacture of all kinds of Leather and the dealing in hides and skins, and of all descriptions of goods and merchandise incidental to the business of such nature, and is carried on upon extensive, well-built, commodious, and modern premises situated at Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, on Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1267 and 640, which contain an area of 110,942 square feet, held under a Crown Lease for 75 years with an option of a further 75 years from the 19th day of December, 1911, subject to a Crown rent of \$506.00 per annum. These premises are within the Offensive Trade Area as defined by the Sanitary Authority and a licence has been granted by the Government to carry on the business of a Tannery in all respects thereon.

Site.—The Site is ideal for the purposes of the business, its area is ample for any future extensions that may be necessary, it is situated on the main road between Hok Tin and Kowloon City, and is in close proximity to the sea front.

Buildings.—The extensive buildings erected on the Property are constructed of the best solid brick and concrete with tiled roofs, and concrete pits and floor: this type of construction ensures a low rate of Insurance against Fire.

Machinery and Motive Power.—The Tannery is equipped with the most up to date Hide and Leather working machinery. The motive power is supplied by a 100 H. P. Crude Oil Bolinder Engine with Generator direct connected, the various processes in the Tannery being operated by separate Electric drives from individual Motors.

Water Supply.—There is an independent supply of water from a specially constructed Well on the premises which is ample and suitable for the business.

Labour.—A plentiful and healthy supply of cheap country labour both male and female is always obtainable. The expansion of the business will therefore provide employment to a large number of Chinese labourers whose increased efficiency and development is in itself sufficient to commend this undertaking to all those who have the interests of Chinese and British trade at heart. From the foregoing facts it is asserted that from its equipment and position the Tannery has few equals.

Purpose of Formation.—The Reasons of the Vendors in turning the business into a limited liability Company, are:—(a) To procure the necessary additional Capital required, in order to meet the increasing demand for their Leather. (b) To further develop the business along sound progressive lines.

TERMS OF PURCHASE.

The premises are sold to the Company subject to a charge to the Mortgagees to secure \$300,000 at an interest of 5% per cent per annum. The Mortgagees stipulate that \$100,000 shall be repaid by the Company at an early date and consent to the balance remaining on loan. If as is anticipated the shares now offered to the public are fully subscribed it is proposed to pay off the whole debt forthwith.

Valuation of Property.—Hereunder are set forth at conservative figures the value of the property purchased by the Company and upon which the Vendors have based the purchase price.

Land (K.L.L. 1267 and 640—110,942 sq. feet) and Buildings thereon as valued by J. C. Clark, Architect and Surveyor	\$ 300,505.00
Machinery and Plant as valued by Bobt. Hunter, of Macdonald & Co., Engineers	120,779.11
Stock of Hides, Leather, Chemicals and Materials etc., as per valuation by S. Humphreys and certified by Edmund McGrath, Tanner, less amounts due as shown by the books	65,821.05
	\$ 487,105.16

No charge for Goodwill, etc.—In as much as the undertaking is a comparatively new one, the Vendors present to the Company the goodwill of the business and the trade marks and chops relating to their goods, which are already well known and growing in popularity rapidly.

The Vendors also claim no recompense for approximately 2 years of careful experimental work, as a result of which climatic and other difficulties have been overcome, the types of Leather most suited to the Chinese market gauged, and exact manufacturing cost ascertained.

APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL.

The capital of \$502,500 to be provided by the present issue of 50,250 shares, now offered for public subscription, is intended as regards \$252,500:

(a) To provide for the extension of the drying accommodation of Tannery. (b) For the purpose of providing further working capital in order to finance the rapidly increasing business.

The balance will be devoted to paying off the existing loan of \$300,000 upon the security of the Property.

Dividends.—It is provided by the Articles of Association that a preferential dividend of 10% per annum be paid to shareholders before any appropriation of profits is made by the Directors to the Reserve Fund.

Contract.—The following contract has been entered into: Contract dated the 10th day of November 1921 between W. G. Humphreys & Co., of 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong, Merchants, the owners of the properties of the one part, and Charles David Wilkinson on behalf of the Company of the other part for the sale of the business and the leasehold property registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lots 640 and 1267 together with all messuages tenements fixtures erections and buildings erected thereon.

The purchase price for the sale of the properties has been fixed by the vendors who are the promoters of the Company at \$487,100, nothing being charged for the goodwill. Of this sum \$300,000 will be payable to the Mortgagees for the purpose of paying off a loan of that amount advanced to the Vendors on the security of the properties, and the balance of \$187,100 will be paid and satisfied by the allotment of 18,710 ordinary shares credited as fully paid up.

Confidence of the Vendors.—That the Vendors themselves have every confidence in the undertaking is shown by the fact that they are receiving no cash consideration for the sale of the Tannery, but are accepting shares in the new Company.

Applications will be received by:—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Bank of China.

And Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the above Banks, or from:—Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, Members of the Hongkong Share Brokers' Association, The Registered Office of the Company, or at the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

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TEIRESIAS	13th Dec.	London, Amsterdam & Antwerp
BELLEROPHON	20th Dec.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
LYCAON	3rd Jan.	London, Amsterdam & Antwerp

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)

ORESTES	6th Dec.	Liverpool
DEUCALION	14th Dec.	Marxville, Havre & Liverpool
AGAMEMNON	20th Dec.	Genoa & Liverpool

PACIFIC SERVICE

(via Kobe and Yokohama)

IXION	22nd Nov.	Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
TALITHYBIUS	13th Dec.	Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
TYNDAREUS	3rd Jan.	Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver

NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)

KNIGHT OF THE GARTER	20th December.	via Suez
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TEIRESIAS	23rd Nov.	for Shanghai
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will be loading for Hamburg, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian
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on or about.

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M. S. "JAVA"	1st January.
S. S. "ARABIAN"	15th "
M. S. "ANNAM"	30th "
M. S. "ASIA"	1st January.
M. S. "AFRIKA"	10th February.
	24th "

For further particulars please apply to—

MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1921.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.Consignees per Company's
Steamer
"BELLEROPHON"are hereby notified that the Cargo
will be discharged into Holt's
Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie
at Consignees' risk and subject to
terms and conditions of storage
at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will
be ready for delivery from Go-
down on and after 17th Nov.Optional cargo will be landed,
unless notice has been given prior
to steamer's arrival.All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of
10.45 a.m. and noon within the
free storage period.No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the
23rd November, will be subject to
rent.All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 6th Dec.,
or they will not be recognised.No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th Nov., 1921.

work. The Hospital of the Poly-
clinic, &c., was founded by her
and she never tired of using her
talent for organisation in schemes
for the public benefit. She was
for years the most popular per-
sonage in Austria.Many of her bon mots are still
remembered. Once she lost a
false tooth at a fashionable ball,
and did not hesitate to have a
thorough search made for it in
the ballroom. It was not found,
but next morning the Princess
received a small package with a
letter, in which the anonymous
writer said that he had found the
missing tooth, and that he was
only too happy to return it.

BOVINE HUMOUR.

The package contained the
tooth of an ox. The Princess,
guessing who the sender was—a
man who did not like her—ad-
dressed to him a very polite re-
ply, saying that she knew only
too well how greatly devoted he
was to her, but she never would
have thought he would go as
far as to have one of his own
teeth extracted to please her.One of her most startling
practical jokes was played at a
highly select dinner party, who
included members of the Imperial
family. She introduced two very
elegant couples, two ladies and
two gentlemen, as distinguished
foreigners. They were placed at
the dinner table opposite to each
other. When the ices were
served, these couples began play-
fully to juggle with tumblers,
wine bottles, plates, forks and
knives, and to give a regular
vaudeville performance. They
were, of course, professional
artists.The Metternichs are possessors
of the famous vineyards on the
Rhine, known as Schloss Johan-
nisberg. Napoleon I. made a
gift of these vineyards to Marshal
Kellermann, later Duke de
Valmy. After the end of the
Napoleonic era the vineyards
returned again to the House of
Nassau-Orange, and then came
into the possession of the Emperor
of Austria, who gave them to the
Chancellor Clemens Metternich.
With Princess Pauline Met-
ternich the last link with Old
Austria disappears.BATON CHARGE IN
TRAFALGAR SQUAREScene at Unemployed
Demonstration.An attempt was made to rush
Trafalgar-square, following a big
unemployed demonstration last
month, and the police were forced
to make a baton charge.Upwards of a score of people
were in, and amongst them being
some inoffensive civilians caught
in the charge. Several arrests
were made.The unemployed had originally
intended to hold a demonstration
in Trafalgar-square, but, this be-
ing forbidden, they marched
(according to a Press agency) in
a procession 50,000 strong to Hyde
Park, where meetings were held.No untoward incident happened
en route, though as the proces-
sion passed Bow-street Police
Court the officers paraded out-
side came in for a good deal of
booming. For nearly an hour traffic
in Piccadilly was brought to a
standstill.It was decided at all the plat-
forms to march to Trafalgar-
square, and several speakers de-
clared that they would mount the
plinth at all costs.The procession then formed up
and marched towards the square
via Oxford-street, the men and
women linking arms and singing
"The Red Flag."

RED FLAG CAPTURED.

On reaching Trafalgar-square
the front portion of the procession
broke, and scattered across the
Square. Each entrance was
guarded by strong detachments of
police.The only way was over the
wall facing the National Gallery,
over this scores of men vaulted,
and, rushing to the column, climb-
ed on to the plinth.Their success was momentary,
for a large number of constables
with drawn truncheons charged
and drove the men off again.
Several blows were struck, and
one policeman captured a red flag.Mounted constables completed
the clearance by charging across
the Square and up Charing Cross-
road, using their batons. Several
bottles were flung, and two con-
stable were cut about the face.
The demonstrators scattered in
all directions, and not a few were
knocked down while others were
taken into custody.Eventually the crowd melted
away, the attempt to capture and
hold the Square having proved a
failure.MARIE TEMPEST
MARRIED.Fellow-Player in "The
Great Adventure."Miss Marie Tempest, the popu-
lar actress, was quietly married
in Sydney to Mr. W. Graham
Brown, who is appearing with
her in Australia with Mr. Arnold
Bennett's play "The Great Ad-
venture."Born in 1866, and educated at
a Belgian convent, Miss Tempest
trained at the Royal Academy of
Music, where she won a gold
medal for singing. She gained
her early fame in "Dorothy,"
which ran for nearly 1,000 nights
in London.A long visit to America follow-
ed, and then she became prima
donna of George Edwards's
company at Daly's Theatre,
taking part in a notable series of
musical comedies.In 1900 she made her debut as
a comedy actress in "English
Nell."Miss Tempest has not been
seen in England since 1914, when
she left on a world tour which
will not end until April next year.
Her first husband was Mr.
Cosmo Gordon-Lennox, who died
in July last.HATS
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Link With Napoleon.

Princess Pauline Metternich,
for decades known as the fore-
most lady of the Austrian aristoc-
racy, died last month at Vienna,
in her 81st year.She was the daughter-in-law of
the famous Austrian statesman,
Prince Clemens Metternich, the
Chancellor of the Austrian Em-
pire in the time of Napoleon I.,
whose son, Prince Richard Met-
ternich, acted as Austria's Am-
bassador at the Court of Napoleon
III.She was justly regarded as the
last "Grande Dame" of the 19th
century.Princess Pauline was of Hun-
garian descent, her father being
the well-known Count Moriz
Sandor, a most daring horseman,
who, for a wager, galloped up the
steps and long stairway leading
from the shore of the Danube, at
Budapest, to the fortress of Ofen,
a feat never accomplished before
or since.

AT THE PARIS EMBASSY.

In Paris the people were at
first not too eager to welcome the
son of the most formidable enemy
of Napoleon I., as Austria's rep-resentative. But soon the most
intimate friendship grew up be-
tween the Imperial couple and
Princess and Prince Metternich.
The Princess became the mov-
ing spirit at the Court of the last
Napoleon on account of her strik-
ing wit, her originality, her bene-
volence, and her talents as a
musician.At a time when Richard Wag-
ner was totally unknown in
France she induced the Emperor
to order "Lannuauer" to be per-
formed at the Paris Opera House.
The fashionable audience made
noisy fun of the music, which was
entirely misunderstood, and was
regarded as the ravings of a
madman. Princess Pauline, in-
dignantly leaving the building,
said to the famous critic Jules
Janin: "Paris is missing at
Wagner to-day, but in 25 years
they will acclaim him enthusias-
tically!"

ALOOF FROM POLITICS.

Princess Metternich never med-
dled in politics, though she had
ample opportunity. The story
that she was one of the instigators
of the Mexican adventure of
Napoleon, which culminated in
the death of Maximilian of Aus-
tria, the brother of Emperor
Francis Joset, has no foundation.After the Princess returned to
Vienna she took up philanthropicWU PEI-FU'S GOODBYE
TO HANKOW.Hupei Said to be Cleared of
Invaders.General Wu Pei-fu in a
speech to Consuls and officials
at Hankow stated that the
establishment of the Chinese
Republic was for the welfare of
the people, writes the Hankow
correspondent of the N.C.D.N.
under date the 4th inst.During the 10 years since the
Republic started, dissensions had
arisen between North and South,
which had developed into dissen-
sions of South against South and
North against North.He declared that his reason for
coming to Hankow was, first in
obedience to the orders of the
Central Government and, second
and most important, the welfare
of the people of Hupei. He had
been obliged to use force to expel
the invaders from this province
but there were now no more
Szechuanese or Hunanese soldiers
within the border. He trusted
that their commanders were
coming to terms to make peace.The self-government of Sze-
chuan and Hunan had proved a
fiasco. If peace were reached, itmight solve the question of the
North and South. The Lushan
conference might bring peace
throughout the country, which, if
realized, meant advantage both to
Chinese and foreigners.A YANGTZE VALLEY
LEAGUE.Another message states: In
the morning of November 4, Gen-
eral Wu Pei-fu held a conference
with Hsiao Yao-nan, Tuchun of
Hupei, Defence Commissioner
Tu, Admiral Tu Chun-kwei, Com-
mander of the Second Naval
Squadron, as well as Lin Thien,
representing Chih Hsieh-yuan,
Tuchun of Kiangsu, Panz Yu-
kwei, representing Chen Kuang-
yuan, Tuchun of Kiangsi, and
Huang Jung, representing Chao
Heng-ti, Commander-in-Chief of
Hunan, and discussed the ques-
tion of joint defence of the Yang-
tze region. The result of the
conference is said to be as
follows:—1.—The five provinces of Hu-
pei, Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhui and
Kiangsu are the area of joint
defence of the Yangtze region.
2.—Their aim is an offensive
and defensive alliance against
outsiders and internal troubles.
3.—The defence of forts and of
the waters of the Yangtze is the
charge of Admiral Tu.4.—Expenses of the joint de-
fence to be borne by all the pro-
vinces concerned.5.—The treaty of joint defence
will be cancelled when the gen-
eral situation is settled, by
mutual agreement.6.—The convention will be
notified to the Tuchuns of the
provinces concerned by their re-
spective representatives and
after their consent has been re-
ceived it will be reported to the
Army Department at Peking.

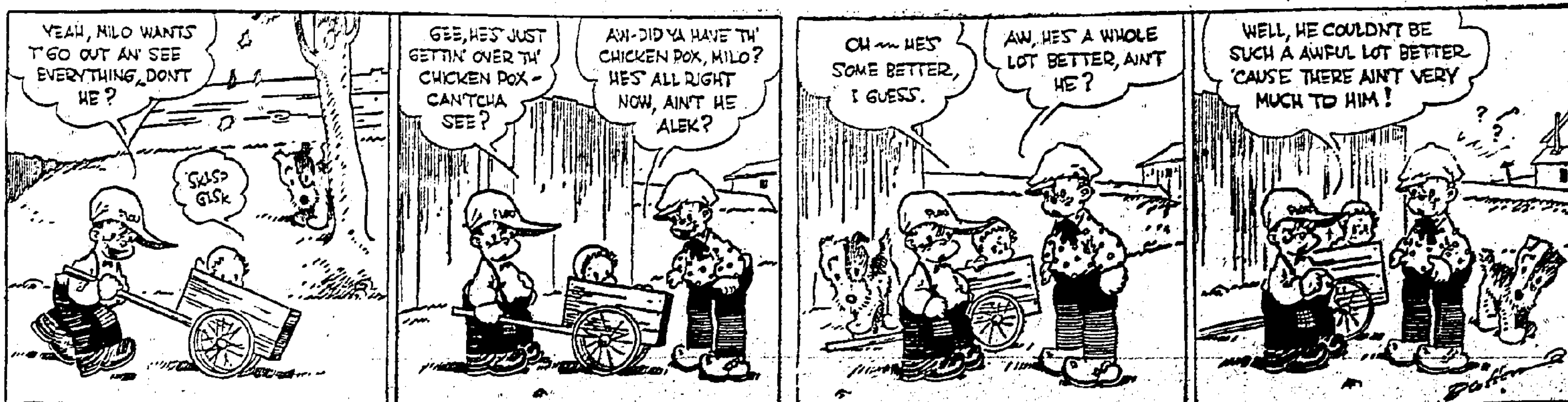
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CHINA AT THE CONFERENCE.

Cables from and about Washington come thick and fast, the very plethora militating against a concise survey. It happens despite the exclusion of the Press from the actual proceedings, so it might be said that the flood is less gushing than it would otherwise be. Perhaps so, only in latter case, there would be more news and less confusion. Still, the official who has been entrusted with the narration of the summaries supplied to the newspaper correspondents is doing his task efficiently within the limits assigned to him. Among the various messages to arrive, one relating the views voiced by Mr. Alfred Sze on behalf of China caused us to pause over its perusal.

For one thing, the message brought home the fact that the Far Eastern question is the pivotal factor of the Conference. This indeed has been sufficiently obvious from the first, but the form in which the Conference was provisionally organised by Washington gave an impression that the gathering was to be primarily a Disarmament Conference, with the Far Eastern question a subsidiary consideration. To view the situation in this way introduces a cart-before-the-horse element. A similar kind of feeling is borne-in upon the reader of the message concerning Mr. Sze's address. Every impartial mind must approve the principles upon which China's delegate insisted. No less is every impartial mind compelled to assert that their adoption at the present time would render confusion worse confounded.

Mr. Sze's address was a plea for China's sovereign rights. The republic desires its territorial integrity preserved, its political and administrative independence acknowledged. In principle, as we said, well and good. The world is but waiting for China to place her services upon an efficient footing. Were this done with anything like thoroughness, China's claim could not be gainsaid. As it is, the Chinese Government is a sore to its own nationals. Friends of the country have been watching eagerly for signs of reform until the most solicitous of them, excepting only those in the semi-official category like Mr. Lennox Simpson, have felt impelled to surmise that their expectations are useless. Is China after all going to start on a better way? Can she start on a better way as things are? These are prior questions, concerning which we hope China's spokesmen will have something to say to the Conference.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Peking's Crisis.

It seems to be little realised down here what a tight financial corner the Peking Government finds itself. Apart, altogether from the fact that it has failed to pay interest on certain foreign loans and that it cannot even pay the amounts due to many of its servants there are a very great number of officials whose pay is so badly in arrears that there is open talk of wholesale resignations or strikes. The officials of the Judicial service and those in the Ministries of Finance and Education are in a state approaching open revolt. The Finance Ministry has just demanded a sum of over ten million dollars to defray certain legitimate items of expenditure, but there is no sign of the money coming. A well-known Hongkong resident has recently returned to the Colony from the northern capital and he reports a dismal state of affairs. The students have been absolutely forbidden to hold any meetings owing to the fears of the authorities of unfriendly demonstrations and there is obviously a spirit of antagonism in the air against the present clique in power. The Naval Minister says he will not be responsible for what may happen to the fleet unless money is forthcoming with which to pay the men, and the very strong Note of Mr. Hughes on the question of China's failure to pay the interest due on the Chicago Loan has not helped to give a feeling of security. And, meanwhile, the very existence of the Peking Cabinet is endangered because of the struggle between the Fengtien and Chihli factions. Owing to the lax administration of the past two or three years there is practically no revenue going to Government other than that from the Customs and Salt Gabilla and the struggle of one clique against another to secure the lucrative post of Salt Administration Chief may easily lead to a fresh disruption of the Chin cabinet at no distant date. It was significant that Sir Bailey Alston could not leave Peking to attend the Shanghai Conference owing to the financial crisis, but whether his suggested scheme by which the customs tax would be increased to 20 per cent. will meet with support is open to serious question. And, during all this anxious time, China is at the Washington Conference presenting a case for non-interference. It is indeed a situation for all parties, but there can be no question that the Peking gags, as our friends in Canton call them, have nearly shot their own bolt. Just what the change will be is difficult to see, but the grip of the militarists will have to be relaxed before China can hope to straighten out the tangle. Runs toon Chinese Banks in Peking and Shanghai is not a very healthy sign.

There were one case of plague, one case of diphtheria and one case of enteric fever reported yesterday. All were non-fatal.

An accident occurred yesterday at the New Army Service Corps pier, when a coolie who was at work on a scaffolding accidentally lost his balance and received injuries which resulted in his removal to Hospital.

Instantaneous death occurred when a Chinese coolie, who was digging on the hillside opposite the Standard Oil Company's reclamation at Laichikok, fell and struck his head against a piece of rock. The body was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

"Ypres" writes to say that he would be glad to receive the names of those who support his attitude in connection with membership of the British Legion and would like any who respond to say whether they are Legionnaires or not. We should be pleased to forward any letters addressed c/o this paper.—Ed. H.K.T.

OLD MAN'S APPEAL.

Wanted His Son Back.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida had an appeal to make to Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. An old man, seventy-five years of age, had a son who was sentenced by the Court a few days ago to six months' hard labour and ten strokes for snatching some money from a Chinese woman, and the old man's object now was to ask the Magistrate to reduce the sentence, on the ground that he was dependent on his son. Speaking on his behalf, Mr. D'Almeida said that without making any comment on the evidence, which he agreed was indisputable, he would present the salient fact that the old man could not carry on without his son who was his helpmate in a factory. The effect of this appeal was somewhat spoiled by the admission by the old man that he had another son as equally strapping as the prisoner and who was now working in Hongkong. Mr. R. E. Lindsell remarked that snatching was becoming prevalent in Hongkong, and the law looked with gravity upon such offences when they were perpetrated on women and girls. The circumstances in the case justified the penalty and he decided not to alter his previous decision.

THE REGATTA.

Preliminary Trials.

The rowing season has now commenced and the Victoria Recreation Club are making ready for the annual regatta, which is to be held next March. The preliminary trials take place at Blackboulder Point on Sunday, Dec. 4th, and if they are the success they have always been in the past it should be a very enjoyable outing. What swimming is in the Summer rowing is in the Winter and that this annual regatta has been a thorough success is proved by the fact that it was started in 1849 and is still going strong. Those who wish to witness the trials on Dec. 4th, should purchase their tickets from the Victoria Recreation Club before Dec. 2nd. Both members of the Club and outsiders can attend and it promises to be a most enjoyable day.

There are several events, including the senior fours, the junior fours, the beginners' pairs, the junior tubs and a mixed-pairs race. The crews for the junior fours have been picked and are O'Study (stroke), E. Tonnocky, J. O'Brien, and A. H. Mason (cox); C. Earnshaw (stroke), H. Hyndman, A. M. Rocha and V. Ramsay (cox); O. Rosset (stroke), G. Jack, W. Gerrard and F. Condon (cox); and O. May (stroke), E. P. Souza, F. Schnepel and H. de Bontin. The crews for the other events have not yet been picked. There will be prizes for the successful competitors, one of which has been put up by Mr. G. Tiran.

A launch will leave at 10 o'clock and tiffin and tea will be provided. There will be a match and a bar and it is understood that all arrangements have been made to make the event a thorough success.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Matches.

(BY "QUIZ.")

The Hongkong League games for to-morrow are—

Division I.—Kick off 4.15 p.m.
S.C.A. v. 3/ Wilshire—Sookunpoo ground.

H.M.S. Cairo v. H.M.S. Ambrose—Navy "A" ground.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. Tamar—Kowloon ground, Happy Valley.

H.M.S. Tiana v. Hongkong Police—Navy "B" ground.

Hongkong Club v. R.G.A. Club ground.

Division II.—Kick off 2.45 p.m.
University v. Kowloon—St. Joseph's ground.

22-Punjabis v. S.C.A. "B"—Railway ground, Kowloon.

H.K. Club Reserves v. St. Joseph's—Club ground.

R.G.A. Reserves v. United A.C.—Sookunpoo ground.

H.M.S. Curlew Res. v. S.C.A. "A"—Navy "B" ground.

The S.C.A. v. Wilshire match at Sookunpoo should attract a large crowd. With the Chinese at full strength the game should be in their favour. Last week Chan So and Fung Tai, their regular backs were absent but they had worthy substitutes. The Wilshire one back game will probably be the undoing of a smart forward line. The league champions will be out to take the points but they will find the Chinese a much better side than last year and may come away from the ground disappointed.

The match on the Navy "A" ground between the two Navy teams should be very fast and even. The Cairo can put up a much better defence than the Ambrose while collectively the former ship has better forwards.

If Matthews leads the attack this week he would be well advised to swing the ball out to his wings who are speedy and can centre well. Burke, in a class by himself at back and can be relied upon to stop any forward. On the Ambrose side Savage will do well unless Thompson improves on last week's display. Hannaford's absence last week made a difference in the Ambrose attack.

Kowloon receive the Tamar at Happy Valley and a fast game should end in a win for the sailors. Last week they went down to the Wilts, after having most of the play in the first quarter.

Kowloon are playing a good game just now. Although not brilliant their defence is good and with a little more combination in the attack would go one better. Coombes should receive better attention, for his work on the wing is good to watch. Townsend is safe in goal but can be ill spared from the attack.

Tiana makes her first appearance in the league this week by entertaining the Police on the Navy "B" ground. It is rumoured that the sailors have some new men who have done well in matches at home and that they are expected to win their opening match. They will find that the Police will make them go all the way.

Valentine will be assisting the Police this week and should strengthen the front line.

With Swan, J. Clark and McWalters the defence will be sound and it would not come as a surprise if the Police repeated the result of last week's game and shared the points.

After a week's absence the Club receive the R.G.A. on the Club ground and a win for the Club is expected. The R.G.A. are unsettled in their front line and although good in defence their attack is weak. The Club should settle down early in the game and take their revenge on the soldiers for their defeat in the second round of the Shield Competition last season.

In the Junior division the game at Sookunpoo should be the hardest game this week and the gunners must alter their tactics if they wish to capture the two points. A good game should be seen on the Navy "B" ground between Curlew Reserves and South China "A". The Chinese youngsters are very nippy and the game should end in their favour.

The "B" team visit the Punjabis at Kowloon and a drawn game is expected.

University should win against Kowloon Reserves and St. Joseph's should dispose of the Club Reserves.

Owing to the Carlisle being absent from Port, the Wilshire

Reserves, who head the league table, will not be out.

CRUELTY CASE.

An Overloaded Truck.

A charge of cruelty towards an ox by overloading the truck and beating the animal with a big wooden stake, was this morning preferred at the instance of Sergeant Andrews against a truck driver.

Sergeant Andrews, in evidence, stated that he witnessed the offence while on duty at the junction of Austin and Nathan Roads. The truck, heavily laden with meat, was being taken to the Kowloon Market from Taumati, and the animal appeared to be distressed in going up the incline north of Austin Road. The defendant was plying the state on the ox's back in the endeavour to make it go faster. Witness intervened and took the truck and driver to the Police Station where it was ascertained that the weight of the meat and truck combined made an excessive load for the ox.

Inspector Spear said that the matter had been referred to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and it was on his instructions that the case was brought before the Court. The Surgeon could find no marks of injury on the beast but conceded that the weight it had to draw was excessive.

After some discussion as to the legitimate weight which an ox is permitted to draw (the defendant maintaining that 1,000 catties was the maximum), Mr. G. N. Orme observed that a fine of \$5 would meet the case. Cruelty in the form presented by the case might not be a matter of general understanding amongst certain sections of the Chinese, and he thought that rules might with advantage be posted up at public places for the dissemination of knowledge on this subject.

A LUCKY BRIDE.

At a wedding between two members of the Hawking fraternity at Ashford (Kent) the gift to the bride from her parents was a fully-furnished house. Over 100 of confetti was thrown over the happy pair.

The following will represent the Club in the match with R.G.A.—Messrs. G. Rodgers, W. Gerrard, J. Rodgers (Capt.), M. L. Raiton, W. H. Kuhl, J. W. MacPhail, H.M. MacTavish, S.D. Begg, A. Forsyth, W.F. Telfar, E. G. England.

The following will represent Kowloon in the match against H.M.S. Tamar—Messrs. Townsend, Morrison, Oawick, Coupland, Weyman (Capt.), McKelvie.

Millard, Mason, Pasco, Duncan A. & Coombs.

The teams in the Kowloon Reserves v. University match will be:—Kowloon—Messrs. Muskett, Spary, Adams, A. W. Roberts (Capt.) Hazel, Evans, Preddy, G. Duncan, Donovan, Estorff, Reserves, Messrs. Norton, Rasmussen, White.

University—Messrs.—Y. K. Wong; S. A. M. Sepher (Capt.), B. C. Lee; D. Laing, H. S. Teh, J. Gurdar; S. C. Ting, D. K. Sam, K. S. Chesh, N. M. Lim, T. L. Cheah.

Reserves—P. H. Lim and T. S. Khoo.

The following will represent the "United" against the R.G.A. Reserves—Messrs. Bach, Umhart, Hopper, Leonard, Brown, B.A. Hyder, Bandran, May, Valentine W. Hyder and Payne.

RUGBY MATCH.

The following will represent the Club v. H.M.S. "Ambrose" on Saturday 19th November at Happy Valley—Messrs. W. Keegan; J. D. McClatchie, A. M. D. Wallace, J. W. Alabaster and S. J. Jordan; C. J. Shannon and S. J. Smyth; G. G. N. Tinson, H. G. Hegarty, W. D. Fiddes-Wilson, C. J. Cooper, H. C. Macnamara, H. A. Mabey, D. Logan and W. R. Andrews. Kick off 2.45 p.m.

CHINA'S PROPOSED INCOME-TAX.

The Chinese Chambers of Commerce have protested against the proposed income-tax in a lengthy petition sent to Peking. They give seven reasons for their opposition.

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Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

I'm afraid my thoughts will be a bit mixed to-night. Just as I was going to sit down yesterday afternoon and get something good out of my system (I forget now what it was to be, but something entirely unfettered by facts, I assure you) Joe, he introduced me to an individual prone to poetry and the manufacture of puns. You know the kind I mean. Come to think of it, I don't know yet what you bird rolled into our office for, unless it was a cheap look at the paper, but no, it couldn't have been that for it turned out later that he originally came from Yorkshire. Well anyway, we tried him with a tea at Wiseman's and looking back, it couldn't have been that either, for curiously enough he signed the chit at the hindereend of the scene. Well let it be as it may. The time wasna' altogether wasted for you bird had brains as well as a mouth and if it wasna' for geering the Washington Conference, nothing would give me greater pleasure but to pass along some of his most spiffant sayings, for ridiculous as it may sound, you chap was only serious when he was making a joke and most humorous when telling the gospel truth. Sitting there he was a munching human paradox and I only hope that before he finally goes to prison that the judge will nominate the writing of prosody as the form of his hard labour.

But that's neither here nor there anyway. It was the talk of the next war (for this bird w' the ingrown humour accommodatedly fixed the date before he finished his third cup of tea) that got me thinking. Now I'm no' feared o' war but if there's to be another colossal shindy I want to come soon and no' be postponed till I'm an old man. I'm no' scared on being on the losing side, for as our friend truly remarked the loser aye wins provided the affair lasts long enough. Talking of war in the midst of a disarmament conference may sound strange I know, but taking away weapons from each side in equal proportion isn't doing away w' the causes of war. As our friend remarked giving each the same handicap all round is merely to advance the scratch mark further up the field. It's like partially disarming Britt and Neale on Saturday night by tying each of their right arms behind their back. Provided they're willing and mad same,

enough they can each still fight w' their remaining arm. Go a step further and tie both their hands behind their back and that doesn't alter things in the slightest degree. They'd still lam at each other w' their heads and use their teeth when they could. Cutting down our naves by half all round isn't going to stop fighting. It would simply mean that the nation which built fastest would have the advantage, just as the fighter who succeeded in first loosening his arm would have his opponent at his mercy.

No, we must get rid of the cause of war. And that cause? International commercial competition. Study the subject as you will, camouflage it as you may, it is the war of commerce, the fierce fight in the world's markets which is the ultimate cause of that bloody thing we call war. Of the two, the former is most dangerous. Peace and prosperity only come in the midst of war. Actual war causes prosperity—to those who provide the shows, whether they be gold, goods or guns or all three together. In the war of commerce is first sown the seeds of hate and whether our pretext be to vindicate the rights contained in a scrap of paper or to avenge the insult to a flag (any old excuse is good enough to start a fight) at the back of it all, it is the commercial advantages the nations think most of when they send their sons to maim and to kill. W' the last shot war does not cease. You cannot have a propaganda of hate for four-five years and expect sweet reasonableness ever after. We cannot hate a man and then by treaty love him. That's mainly the cause of the present day unrest.

And how are we to stop it all? By a disarmament conference? No, never. You may postpone the evil day, but that is all. The only way future wars can be abolished is by mutual arrangement where the fierce war of international commercial competition may give way to international commercial co-operation. You smile. Ay that's what I did an hour ago but back once more in the office and the old pipe going—well I'm no' so sure. It has never been tried for one thing. Who's game cry was to send a telegram to Washington suggesting it? That would be real fellow-ship and service. You smile again. Well that's but maybe natural. But think it out all the

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THE BOOKSHELF

(By "Librarian.")

A GRACIOUS QUEEN.

It is difficult, almost impossible, to credit the flight of the years when thinking of Queen Alexandra. Since the death of King Edward comparatively little has been heard of his consort, albeit her Majesty is still to the fore in works of benevolence; but up till little more than a decade ago every one was habituated to the ever-youthful likeness of this "daughter of the Vikings." A biography of the Queen-Mother has just appeared from the pen of Mr. W. R. H. Trowbridge entitled "Queen Alexandra: a Study of Royalty" (Fisher Unwin: 21s.). Lady Paget, in her foreword to this book, speaks of Queen Alexandra as having imprinted a certain *cachet* on fashion. This *cachet* was "great simplicity, united to grace and dignity." Mr. Trowbridge might perhaps have taken the hint, for there is a certain straining after grandeur. Apart from this foible, his life, with its delightful series of portraits and photographs, is an attractive volume. We are given a pleasant sketch of the Princess Alexandra's upbringing at the Yellow Place in Copenhagen and her parents' country estate of Bernstorff in the days when her father, Prince Christian of Glücksburg, had only just become by the London Protocol of 1852, the Hereditary Prince to the Danish Throne.

Princess Christian expected much of her daughters. She taught them to make their own clothes, and instructed them as well in the art of housekeeping. Masters and governors were provided for the more refined accomplishments. Much attention was paid in those days to the study of deportment. From it the Princess Alexandra acquired the extreme grace of her carriage. Her dancing and riding instructors were loud in their praise. For music she had a special talent. . . . She was deft, too, with her needle. A strip of ribbon in her fingers was like a wand in a magician's hand.

Mr. Trowbridge gives credit to the *Times* for being the first voice to declare, as early as 1858, that Princess Alexandra was "the most eligible lady" among those of Royal blood in Europe for the Prince of Wales to marry. The plan seemed startling, for German alliances were then the vogue. Yet, thanks in good part to the diplomacy of Lady Paget, who was close in the confidence of the Crown Princess of Prussia, the Consort himself was won over to approve. When Queen Victoria, after his death, completed the design, in 1852, at Brussels, where the betrothal took place, she was accused in Germany of "having betrayed the German cause." Lady Palmerston, however, gave voice to a different verdict. "If the vision of the Danish connexion. We have had too much of Germany and Berlin and Coburg."

A FAIRY PRINCESS.

The reception in England and the marriage of "the sea-king's daughter from over the sea" in the following year throw a rare sunbeam across mid-Victorian annals. London came out in a tumult of loyalty to welcome its new Princess. On her yacht at Gravesend she appeared "dressed entirely in white, with a white shawl draped loosely around her shoulders, and a little white bonnet on her head." If the vision was at all like Lauchert's ethereal portrait of her at this period, given here as a frontispiece, one understands why people were ready to be crushed round her carriage as she drove into London (having changed into mauve-coloured silk, with a skirt, the foci of the crinoline were glad to see, "of very moderate expanse"). At the Mansion House there was something like a riot, the police were overwhelmed, and the Princess was seen with her own hands saving the head of a boy from the wheels. But, after all, this scene and the marriage ceremonies at Windsor have been described by a master who could pierce to the inner meaning of the pageant. Thackeray, in the "Round about Papers," writes—

On the day of her entrance into London who looked more bright and happy than the Princess? On the day of the marriage, the fair face wore its marks of care already, and looked out quite grave, and frightened almost, under the wreaths and lace and orange flowers. Would you have had her feel no tremor? A maiden on the bride-room's threshold, a Prin-

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cess led up to the steps of a throne? I think her pallor and doubt became her as well as her smiles.

The trails, foreseen by these keen eyes, were not long coming. The year after her wedding was the year of the tragic tangle of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Danish Princess had to stand by powerless while a neutral England watched the crushing of Denmark. In 1871 her husband was brought to the very gates of death, but at least she knew when he recovered that she had proved her ability as a nurse. We are told here that Queen Victoria afterwards remarked sadly, "Had my Prince had the same treatment as the Prince of Wales, he might not have died. During the seclusion of widowed Queen, the Prince of Wales was the leader of society. We read that when she had an attack of rheumatism even the 'Alexandra limp' became a fashion. (Was there not also an 'Alexandra curl'?) Society was wiser in copying her love for music and the Opera.

Mr. Trowbridge's account of Queen Alexandra's years as consort to Edward VII. is *jejunum*. This period was the summer of the Queen's charm, not less enchanting than the spring of the sixties. It is amusing to read again how even the sturdy anti-British prejudices of Pierre Loti melted after an audience, but some more of the incidents of so splendid a reign might have been noticed. Of the life of Alexandra, the Queen Mother, Mr. Trowbridge writes with comparative brevity. Her Majesty, it may be remembered, did not approve of this title when adopted after the death of King Edward, and the *Court Circular* discontinued its use. The interval has been marked by a continued interest in the welfare of the people, and Alexandra Day, with its roses, the most beneficent of fetes, stands in our calendars to prove it. It may not be the least enduring part of the graceful and gracious Queen's memory to have thus intertwined her name with the flower of England.

A question asked by a London writer as to whether any novelist had written about the same family, to the extent of five novels was answered by Mr. Frederic Harrison so long ago as 1906. In an introduction, written in that year, to the *Barnesbury Novels* of Anthony Trollope, Mr. Frederic Harrison tells us that "to fill eight volumes in six distinct tales with the intricate relations of one set of families, all within access to one cathedral city, covering a whole generation in time, and exhibiting the same characters from youth to maturity and age—this is indeed a perilous task." Balzac and Zola abroad, and Scott, Thackeray, Lytton and Dickens at home have tried this plan, continues Mr. Harrison, but "I think no English novelist has worked it out on so large a field, with such minute elaboration, and with such entire mastery of the many dilemmas and pitfalls which beset the compiler in this long and intricate course."

Actress, playwright, novelist, and critic—that was an imposing list of activities for a woman 100 years ago, and is in itself enough to lend interest to "Elizabeth Inchbald and her Circle," which Mr. S. R. Littlewood has written.

It is a very interesting picture of stage and literary circles at the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, and such famous figures as Mrs. Siddons, John Kemble, Maria Edgeworth, and Garrick move through the pages. "She was a charming woman," writes Mr. Littlewood. That she was a busy woman, too, the list of her books and plays shows, and her life makes a fascinating story well worth the care lavished on it in this book.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

President, the old training sloop of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves, looks strangely forlorn at its station off the Embankment, near Blackfriars, says a Home Journal. Its masts are unstepped and lie on the deserted deck. Its place will shortly be taken by *Saxifrage*, a sloop built during the war.

Unique in clubdom is the 1900 Club, twenty-one this year. The club had no home until 1910, when premises were taken at 5, Pickering-place, a little-known byway off St. James's street, London. Here the members find themselves in an old world atmosphere, everything being in keeping with the style prevailing a century and a half ago; in fact, the club's habitation is just such a one as might have existed in the time of George II. The club house was once the residence of one of the Lords Kirkcubright.

Half a century ago the first train was sent through the Mont Cenis Tunnel, travelling from the French to the Italian end and back again with the engineer, Gaston, and a party of friends. The formal opening took place a few days later, and by October, 1871, a regular service was in operation. The first of the great Alpine tunnels had been projected many years earlier, but the war between Sardinia and Austria prevented the carrying out of the plans. Excavations were actually commenced in 1857, and the boring was completed on Christmas Day 13 years later. The Tunnel cost over two and a

half millions the French Government bearing the chief expense.

Two years ago, writes a correspondent in a London paper, I had the opportunity of noting the kindness of the late Marquis of Milford Haven. He was receiving Queen Alexandra on her visit to the Dreadnought Hospital. Press photographers were exceedingly keen on picturing her Majesty walking past a line of smiling hospital nurses. But the programme interfered with this. At last I approached the marquis, and he consented at once to escort Queen Alexandra from the other end of the tea tent for the special benefit of the camera men. A charming photograph was the result.

Dean Pigou, a former vicar, warned all parsons to keep away from Doncaster during race-week, because expert pick-pockets went there disguised as clergy. A clergyman in his time was hurrying along High-street to the railway station, when somebody had his pocket picked, and a policeman promptly laid hands on the running parson. In vain he indignantly protested that he was the Rector of Great Snoreham, or some such place. "Come along," retorted the policeman; "you London 'crooks' are all of you either vicars, rectors, or archdeacons." Luckily the captive had his card-case, and Dr. Pigou soon released him, but he had lost the last train to his remote Essex parish.

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CAMERA NEWS



Some the Japanese delegates to the Conference:—Prince Iyasaro Tokugawa, above at left; Baron Shidehara, at right, and Vice Admiral Tomosaburo Kato, below at left. Below at right is Masanao Hamihara, chief secretary.



Clemenceau, the "tiger" of France, is represented on the French front surrounded by poilus, in this statue unveiled at Sainte Hermin.



Crown Prince salutes as he enters private car at Yokohama pier. Below lantern bearers ready for night parade, and Crown Prince (first figure in white suit) arriving at Yokohama.



First picture from Burgenland, on the Hungarian border, where armed bands were resisting Austrian rule.



Sir Harry Lauder, famous Scots comedian, is touring the United States again in his "first farewell," as he calls it. He says he hopes to outdo the famous Patti's record of farewell appearances.

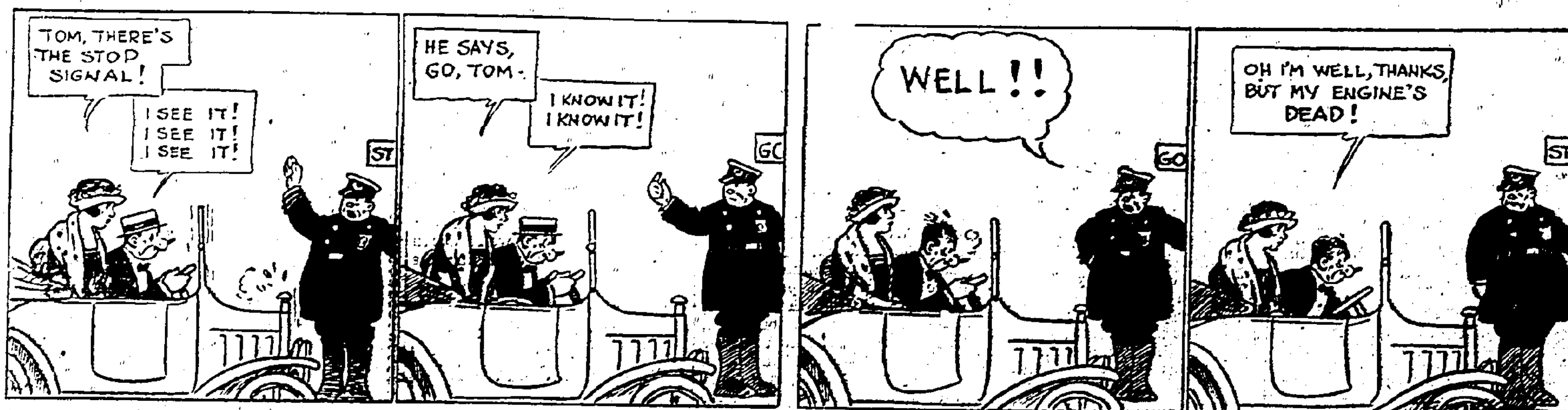


THE DISTINGUISHED CROWD in the stand, watching the races—at Moscow. In the white clothes with panama hat is Gen. Broussiloff, former commander in chief of the Czar's armies, now general of remounts in the Red Army.

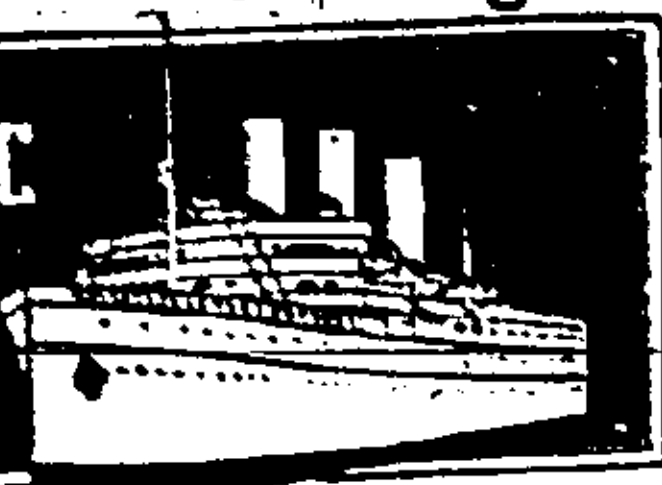
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THE HAGUE RULES.

At a meeting of the British

Bankers' Association last month

the following resolutions were

passed:—"That the banks who

are members of this association

approve of the Hague Rules, 1921,

as passed by the Maritime Law

Committee of the International

Law Association at their meeting

at the Hague on Sept. 3rd, 1921;

and recommend their adoption in

all bills of lading appertaining to

transactions originating after the

31st January, 1922." They

further decided that it was desir-

able that the necessary steps

should be taken to give effect to

No. 5 of the resolutions passed by

the Maritime Law Committee,

which is as follows:—"That in

the opinion of this association

(International Law Association)

the use of the shipping documents

known as 'received for shipment,'

bills of lading, and like docu-

ments, has become in many cases

a necessity of commerce. This

association is, therefore, of

opinion that the interests con-

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remove difficulties which at pre-

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necessity for their use is general-

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TRADE CONDITIONS AT SOUTH RUSSIAN PORTS.

In a letter received by a firm

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inter alia, says:—"For your in-

formation we learn from intimate

friends just returned from Batoum

that the Soviet authorities in that

district allow importers of foreign

goods every facility to trade and

grant licences to them, making

the importers of foreign goods

and their stores immune from

any requisition orders which may

be issued by the Soviet Govern-

ment. This new order will cause

general trade to Batoum to revive,

and we look for some movement

in that direction. The conditions

in Novorossiisk and other

South Russian ports are rather

different, but even in those ports

trade is beginning to revive,

and a steamer has this week

arrived from Novorossiisk with

over 250,000 worth of Russian

produce on board, which we are

ourselves handling and can testify

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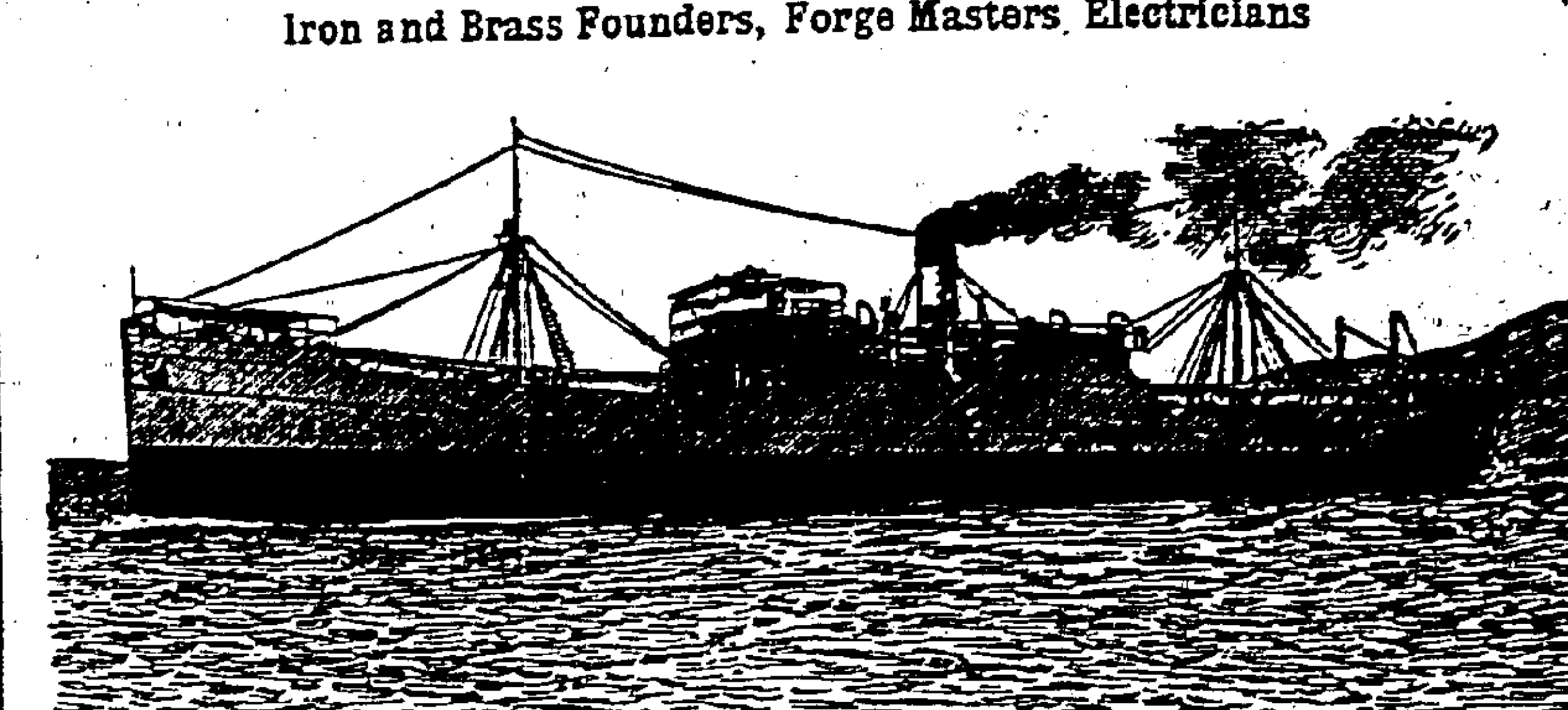
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Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
S.S. "GLENIFFER"	6th Dec.	GENOA, LONDON, ANTWERP, R'DAM & HAMBURG.

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MANILA	Vuensang	Fri. 18th Nov. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Sat. 19th Nov. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoibow Takang		Sun. 20th Nov. at 10 a.m.
S'hai & T'ian via S'ow Tungshing		Tues. 22nd Nov. at d'light.
Kobe	Lahang	Thur. 24th Nov. at d'light.
BANGKOK	Chunsang	Thur. 24th Nov. at d'light.
SANDAKAN	Nimsang	Wed. 30th Nov. at noon.

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For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Shantung	19th Nov. at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Hupei	21st Nov. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Szechuen	22nd Nov. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Cheongtu	22nd Nov. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Kwangtung	23rd Nov. at 10 a.m.
W'WEI, CHEFOO & T'HSIN	Huichow	24th Nov. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tamling	25th Nov. at 4 p.m.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	Kaifong	27th Nov. at 10 a.m.

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Hailong	J. S. Thomson	FRI. 25th Nov. at noon.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

IDEAL ITALIAN TONNAGE.
Over 200 Italian vessels of about 215,000 tons gross are lying idle.

MANILA FREIGHTS.

Messrs. Warners Bros & Co., Ltd., Manila, in their latest circular to hand, state: "Chartered. Locally no fixtures are reported. The Saigon-Hongkong rice rate is 28 cts. Mex per picul."

TRIESTE SHIPYARDS IDLE.

With 24 vessels on the docks and under construction, the Board of Administration of the S. Rocco and Trieste Shipyards decided to close owing to delay of an arrangement with the Government. Five thousand men have been thrown out of work. Workmen at the Monfalcone Shipyards, near Venice, have been given notice of a 20 per cent. reduction.

£10,000,000 HARBOUR FOR PALESTINE.

It is stated by the Palestine Weekly that Messrs. S. Pearson and Co., London, have been granted a contract for the construction of harbour works at Haifa, Palestine. It says: "The work will involve an expenditure of £10,000,000, and this sum is to be advanced by the company to the Palestine Government as a loan. In exchange, several concessions at the port. It is expected to be completed within four years, and Haifa will become the most important harbour on the Syrian coast and the natural port of Mesopotamia. Messrs. Pearson and Co. informed a Press representative that it was true the firm had submitted a contract for the construction of a large breakwater, the extension of the harbour, and extensive docks, but so far as they are aware, the contract has not yet been accepted."

LORD INCHCAPE ON FREE TRADE.

Free Trade was in greater jeopardy to-day than during Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's agitation, declared Lord Inchcape at a meeting under the auspices of the Scottish Free Trade Union at Glasgow. It was high time those who believed in free import and a tariff for revenue only made their voices heard. In different ways Protection had insinuated itself. There were the measures left over by the war, while a considerable tariff had been evolved by means of departmental orders. Happily, there were still judges in Britain, and the game of smuggling in Protection under D. O. R. A.'s petticoats had to be abandoned. Government not only aimed at the substitution of Protection for Free Trade by instalments, but it was fatally obsessed with the idea that bureaucracy was the best regulator of British commerce. If it were desired to turn Britain into an economic Badlan, we were certainly setting the right way about it. The industry argument, said Lord Inchcape, was a mass of absurdities, anomalies, and perils, and we ought to walk warily as regards dumping. We were the largest and most inveterate dumpers.

NEW DUTCH MAIL LINE.

A most interesting event took place last month when the Orania, a magnificent passenger and mail liner, was successfully launched from Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co.'s North Yard, Belfast. The vessel, which was built to the order of Messrs. the Royal Holland Lloyd, of Amsterdam, for their Continental and South American service, is a twin-screw steamer of over 9,000 tons, the principal dimensions being: Length overall, about 470 feet; breadth, 59 feet; and depth, 44 feet 6 inches. She has five complete decks, four of which are devoted to passenger accommodation. The passenger arrangements, as usual on the Royal Holland Lloyd's steamers, are most luxurious and up to date, and provide for over 200 first-class, and 100 second-class, and 850 intermediate second-class, and 850 third-class. The features of the accommodation are the large number of public rooms for all classes, de luxe accommodation, nursery and children's saloon, hairdressers' shops, gymnasium, &c. The cargo handling arrangements are very complete, each hatchway being served by two powerful hydraulic cranes, ensuring rapid and noiseless working. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of double reduction geared turbines of the latest design, taking steam from six large circular and multi-tubular boilers fitted with forced draught superheaters, and is adapted for oil-fuel burning. The boilers are arranged in two sets of three. There is an extremely varied outfit of auxiliary machinery, and the oil-fuel arrangements are on an extensive scale, with large storage tanks in connection with the boiler rooms.

